I.R.D.P. Assistance

2297. SHRI E. AHAMED : Will the Minister of RURAL AREAS AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether IRDP assistance is given to identified Rural poor families to enable them to cross the poverty line;

(b) if so, the number of people received this assistance in different States, particularly in Kerala during each of the last three years, till date; and

(c) the criteria adopted by the Union Government for identifying these rural poor families?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL AREAS AND EMPLOYMENT (SHRI CHANDRADEO PRASAD VARMA) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The number of people who have received IRDP assistance in different States is given in the enclosed Statement. However, in Kerala, assistance was provided to 53698 families in 1993-94, 46294 families in 1994-95 and 43357 families in 1995-96.

(c) The target group consists of small and marginal farmers, agricultural labourers and rural artisans having annual income below Rs.11000 defined as poverty line for the Eighth Plan. The list of such people living below poverty line is prepared through a Below Poverty Line Survey carried out on the eve of each Five Year Plan and the list is duly approved by the Gram Sabha. From out of this list, the beneficiaries are selected in Gram Sabha meetings in the presence of State Government officials, bankers and people's representatives.

STATEMENT

States/UTs	1993-94	1994-95	1995-96
1	2	3	4
Andhra Pradesh	259697	159908	122863
Arunachal Pradesh	15207	11756	14381
Assam	63381	61861	59030
Bihar	335908	224736	265525
Goa	3452	2137	2448
Gujarat	79725	76498	55686
Haryana	34026	28285	29771
Himachal Pradesh	9128	7355	6750
Jammu & Kashmir	7408	13545	13176
Karnataka	132861	125810	119685
Kerala	53698	46294	43357
Madhya Pradesh	242673	210629	210692
Maharashtra	217681	196677	181597
Manipur	6333	7658	6077
Meghalaya	2635	6020	4534
Mizoram	4684	2006	5085
Nagaland	5489	1220	2104
Orissa	160000	139837	120669
Punjab	33736	22701	11786
Rajasthan	116567	107799	92818
Sikkim	1218	1281	2843
Tamil Nadu	214888	201221	183895
Tripura	16297	2361	14657
Uttar Pradesh	445403	369725	355916
West Bengal	73818	159722	161724
Andaman & Nicobar	1171	445	832
D & N Haveli	372	302	274
Daman and Diu	507	136	89
Lakshadweep	81	100	18
Pondicherry	1407	1221	1563
All India	2539441	2189246	2089845

Expenditure on Social Services in Uttar Pradesh

2298. SHRI RAM SAGAR : Will the Minister of PLANNING AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION be pleased to refer to the reply to Unstarred Question No. 861 given on 7th March, 1996 and state :

(a) the details of the overall position of resource availability during 1992-93, 1993-94, 1994-95 and 1995-96 and the details of expenditure incurred headwise indicating the details of priority that were attached to heads other than social services;

(b) whether the Government propose to accord priority to Social Services in Uttar Pradesh; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION AND MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY (SHRI YOGINDER K.ALAGH) : (a) The actual resources available during 1992-93, 1993-94 and 1994-95 stood at Rs. 3054.80 crores, Rs. 2545.76 crores and Rs. 4491.71 crores (pre-actuals) respectively. The resource availability during 1995-96 has been assessed at Rs. 4858.66 crores (latest estimates). The details of expenditure incurred, sectorwise are indicated in the statement enclosed. Eighth Plan accorded first priority to Energy followed by Social Services, Irrigation & Flood Control and Transport.

(b) and (c). The revised approved outlay for 1995-96 indicate that Social Services has been accorded first priority. The revised approved outlay for Social Services during 1995-96 stands at Rs.116527 lakhs which is 28.9% of the approved outlay.